

## Fiery Campaign Yields To Quiet Voting Booth



CUSHING CHRISTENS CAROLINE KENNEDY: Archbishop Richard Cardinal Cushing, who died Monday in Boston, is shown during the christening of young Caroline Kennedy, while her admiring parents, Sen. John F. Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline

look on. Ceremony took place Dec. 13, 1957, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Cushing and Kennedy remained friends after Kennedy won the presidency. (AP Wirephoto)

## Top Civilian Medal For R. D. Handy

Killed On Duty  
Aiding Vietnamese

EAU CLAIRE — Robert D. Handy, killed Aug. 27, 1969, while serving as a civilian refugee advisor in Vietnam, has been posthumously granted "The Secretary's Award" — the highest given by the U. S. Department of State.

The 28-year-old contract employee with the Agency for International Development was honored by the state department "for extraordinary valor under extreme hazards to accomplish major objectives in Vietnam."

Handy was killed instantly in an enemy ambush south of Song Be while leading a convoy carrying badly needed supplies to Vietnamese refugees along a highway near the Cambodian border.

The award, given to those who sacrifice their lives or their health in the performance of official duties, was accepted by Handy's sister, Mrs. I. M. Wigginton, Jr., of Salem, Va.

Sec. of State William P. Rogers made the presentation in Washington, D.C., recently. The official AID award cites Handy for "... giving his life courageously in the line of duty ... his tremendous devotion to duty ... and his unique contribution toward accomplishing our objectives in Vietnam."

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gail Handy of Eau Claire. His father was a former state representative.

A silver medal and certificate



ROBERT D. HANDY

from the Republic of Vietnam plus other tributes have also been awarded to Handy earlier. He had worked in Vietnam twice before joining the U. S. AID program there. In 1969 he worked as a civilian advisor attached to the Marine Corps Third division and later as a free-lance correspondent and photographer.

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## Nation Mourns Prelate's Death

Cardinal Cushing Will Be  
Buried Saturday

BOSTON (AP) — Richard Cardinal Cushing will be buried at St. Coletta School at Hanover close to the retarded children he held so dear.

The 75-year-old prelate's body was to be taken today from the archbishop's residence to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross to lie in state until the funeral Saturday.

The cardinal, a longtime friend of the late President John F. Kennedy and his father, the late Joseph P. Kennedy, died at his residence Monday afternoon, less than four weeks after he stepped down as head of the Boston archdiocese on Oct. 7.

News of his death came as a shock not only to the archdiocese's Catholics but to millions of others who remembered the white-haired, gravel-voiced prelate dancing a jig at his annual Thanksgiving parties for the poor, taking nuns to a Red Sox baseball game or wearing construction workers' hard hats at ground breakings for the many new schools and hospitals he built.

'GREAT SOUL'  
His successor, Archbishop Humberto S. Medeiros, said in announcing the cardinal's passing: "He was a truly great soul, a man of universal genius, a priest of selfless dedication, a

bishop of towering stature." The cardinal was a leader in the ecumenical movement — seeking cooperation and unity among Christian churches — and his influence ranged far beyond his archdiocese.

He was a leader in the appeal for the 1962-65 Vatican Council's statement rejecting the contention that the Jews were to blame for the crucifixion of Christ.

He often appeared at Protestant churches and at synagogues and once remarked, "Nobody can tell me that Christ died on Calvary for any select group."

RACISM OPPONENT  
A strong opponent of racial injustice, he said in a pastoral letter: "When a Catholic fails to take a stand against race intolerance he is a slacker in the army of the Church militant."

President Nixon issued a statement at the Western White House at San Clemente, Calif., saying, "His name will always evoke for us a spirit of ecumenism, of human dignity, justice and brotherhood among men and nations."

Mrs. Aristotle Onassis, the former Jacqueline Kennedy, said she loved the cardinal and "will miss him terribly for the rest of my life."

"His life was built on love," the former first lady said, "to heal rather than to divide."

MOURN PASSING  
The American Jewish Committee, in a statement issued in New York by its president, Philip E. Hoffman, said it mourned "the passing of a great spiritual force in American life."

At the Vatican a spokesman said the cardinal's death caused "profound sadness, profound pain." Pope Paul VI prayed for his soul.

Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, the apostolic delegate to Washington, will celebrate the funeral Mass at the cathedral at 11 a.m. Saturday along with

## Michigan Will Select Leaders

Big Impact  
Expected On  
Parochialism

By PIET BENNETT  
Associated Press Writer

Threatened by the chance of rain or even snow, hundreds of thousands of Michigan voters cast ballots in an election today which will determine whether the Democratic or Republican Party controls the governor's mansion and the state Legislature.

Besides the governor's office, the voters are considering candidates for the U.S. Senate, 19 congressional seats, attorney general, secretary of state, two seats on the Michigan Supreme Court and three on the Court of Appeals, plus the entire membership of the Legislature.

There are also races for posts on the state Board of Education plus the governing boards for the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University.

Local candidates and issues should swell the vote in suburban and rural areas. Township offices are up for grabs today. And throughout the state a variety of local issues face voters.

There are some county offices, to fill vacancies, at stake. And some countywide propositions. Berrien county, for example, is balloting on a "tax freeze."

The voters also were confronted by three statewide proposals. The first calls for a \$100 million bond issue to provide low cost housing while the second asks if 18-year-olds should be allowed to vote.

But, it is the third issue — calling for a ban upon state aid to private schools — which may have the greatest impact. The question has been highly controversial although nearly every major candidate has urged the voters to reject the proposed amendment because of uncertainty about its effects.

Weather may play an even more important role in this election. The final Detroit News poll on the governor's race indicated Democratic State Sen. Sander Levin should win handily if there is an unusually large turnout at the polls today.

With a heavier than usual turnout, the poll indicated Levin would draw 49 per cent of the vote compared with 42 per cent for Gov. William Milliken.

But, the poll indicated the Republican governor holds a 47 to 46 per cent edge if statewide voting holds to nearly normal patterns.

The secretary of state's office has predicted about 2.5 million persons will vote today, but the office said that turnout may drop by as much as 20 per cent if the weather is poor.

Aside from the governor's



REMINDER: Motorists driving on an Atlanta, Ga. expressway were greeted with this reminder. Today is election day. Enough said. (AP Wirephoto)

## Nation Goes To Polls Election Is Prime Test For President

WASHINGTON (AP) — The angry clamor of a bitter midterm election campaign yielded today to the solemnity of decision as Americans cast the ballots that chose a new Congress and shaped their state government.

The verdict began in the chill dawn of Maine, flowed from state to state, time zone to time zone, across a continent. President Nixon and his Republican lieutenants have coursed in an historic quest for congressional support.

In the school houses, five stations, municipal halls of 185,599 precincts and voting units, Americans were electing 35 senators, 35 governors and a new House of Representatives.

VICTORY FOR ALL

In the end, both Republicans and Democrats seemed likely to claim victory in a virtual congressional standoff. Republican

cans seemed likely to add one to three seats to their Senate minority; little change was expected in the alignment of the Democratic House. Democrats appeared headed for statehouse gains that could provide a significant financial and organizational boost in the 1972 presidential election, adding perhaps a half-dozen governorships to their ranks.

Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, who together waged a tough, aggressive and unprecedented off-year campaign, were today, like their countrymen, in charge of one vote apiece.

The President was to cast his in a school house in San Clemente, Calif.; Agnew was voting in Baltimore.

It was a campaign in which apathy and indecision defied the bitter rhetoric, the hours of televised persuasion, the law-and-order litany of the Republicans, the dire economic assessment hammered by Democrats.

And the great enigmas remained as the ballots were marked and folded, the voting levers pulled. Among them:

—How will the nation react to a Republican offensive concentrated on the issue of lawlessness and violence — and dramatized at the last minute by the confrontation in San Jose, Calif., between Nixon and antiwar demonstrators?

—What of the economy, the Democratic issue? Will the voters look, as Democrats have urged, to their wallets?

—What will be the polling place impact of the six-week General Motors strike, which has idled some 400,000 men, most of them in crucial, hotly contested midwestern states?

—Where and how will state concerns, local problems, personalities, issues never raised on a national platform, override the broader arguments and

shape the outcome?

ARGUMENT RAGES  
Republican against Democrat, law and order versus inflation and unemployment, the argument raged into election eve in a national televised exchange.

Republicans chose for their election eve windup a nationally televised reprise of the Phoenix, Ariz., campaign speech in which Nixon recalled the San Jose incident and declared:

"The time has come to draw the line. The time has come for the great silent majority of Americans, of all ages and every political persuasion, to stand up and be counted against appeasement of the rock throwers and obscenity shouters."

The Democratic retort was spoken by Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, in what seemed a foretaste of 1972. For Muskie, while running for re-election at home, has been running for presidential nomination as well, and the election eve assignment given him by Democratic financiers seemed a major boost for his national credentials.

Muskie, in an appearance recorded in Cape Elizabeth,

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## Business Is Brisk At Polls

Good Weather  
Boosts Turnout

A moderate to fairly heavy turnout of voters was reported at mid-morning today in a sampling of polling places in the Twin Cities and northern half of Berrien county.

The polls will remain open until 8 o'clock this evening for the electorate to make its choice over a wide range of state, county and township offices and a series of state and local issues.

The top offices in today's election are governor of the state and U.S. senator, but many political observers indicated they felt a state constitutional amendment proposal, Proposition C, might be the biggest drawing card of all.

Berrien County Clerk Forrest Kesterke said he felt the number of ballots cast would be a little above normal for an off-year election. He forecast 46,000 votes, out of a total of 73,490 registered voters in the county. Election board workers at more than 20 precincts contacted around mid-morning said the turnout was exceeding the August primary election by a wide margin. The total ballot count in August was slightly under 18,000.

Crisp, bright weather this morning may have been a plus-factor in the early surge to the polls. The weatherman said variable cloudiness would prevail during the day. Intermittent sunshine occurred during the morning.

## None For The Road; Highway Deaths Drop

DETROIT (AP) — The current economic slump means less food on the table, and that's unfortunate. But it also means there's less money for alcoholic beverages, and according to Michigan State Police Captain John Amthor, that's good.

At least, Amthor at-

tributes part of a drop in the state traffic deaths to the effect of the economy on consumption of alcohol. "When you've got a bad economy like this with the strike and all, people don't have the money to go out and run around and get drunk," Amthor says. "In good times, we al-

ways have more accidents. At least 70 per cent of all accidents involve drinking drivers."

Statistics bear out Amthor's theory: by the end of last week, Michigan had recorded 232 fewer traffic deaths than for the same period in 1969.



SWORN TO STATE POST: Shannon L. Madison is sworn in Monday by Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns as a governor's appointee to the Comprehensive State Health Planning Advisory council. He will serve indefinitely at the governor's pleasure. Madison, of 2900 Morton avenue, St. Joseph, is a Whirlpool Corp. engineer and president of the Twin Cities Human Relations council. (Staff photo)

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THE HERALD-PRESS  
Editorial Page

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Consumerism's  
Two Faces

Consumerism is far from a monolithic movement spearheaded by antibusiness crusaders. In reality, there now appears to be a duality about consumerism that deserves the serious consideration of consumers.

One phase is aimed at basic changes, or restrictions if you will, in the free market. It is led by the antibusiness crusaders who believe consumers' interests can best be served by what amounts to police type surveillance of the free market.

The other phase is led by those who support the principles of the free market and believe in the free enterprise system. They argue that shortcomings can best be corrected by a minimum of regulation and a maximum of voluntary cooperation.

Eventually, consumers must choose between a marketplace controlled in every detail by government and a marketplace in which free choice and consumer judgment determine the quality and availability of goods and services.

Regardless of which element of the consumer movement predominates, there is little doubt that rightly or wrongly, millions of consumers are up in arms about a lot of things. The Kiplinger magazine, Changing Times, goes into some of the reasons why shoppers are "fighting mad." The Kiplinger summary is based on the flood of complaints that have been pouring into the office of the President's Committee on Consumer Interests, headed by Mrs. Virginia H. Knauer, Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs.

Mrs. Knauer says the delay was set off because people simply are sick and tired of unsafe products, shoddy merchandise, poor service, meaningless guar-

antees, shabby repair work, questionable business practices and outright swindles. A file in her office includes letters complaining of such things as a new car that had to be towed back to the dealer after only 11 miles because the "rear wheels locked." Another letter of complaint against the auto industry describes defective wiring which caused a 1969 station wagon to erupt in flames 45 minutes after the car stopped.

In the field of food, complaints include slivers of metal in a package of cookies, a cigarette butt in a jar of pickles, a worm in a jar of junior food and so on. Appliances are one of the most prolific areas of consumer complaints. Many people find they cannot get parts for dishwashers, refrigerators, ranges and other mechanical conveniences. People also complain about the short life span of appliances and the high cost of repairs.

The complaints are endless. The question is what can be done. As a matter of fact, a lot is being done. Firms all over the country are working with the President's Committee on Consumer Interests to correct the causes of major consumer complaints. The M.S. Chamber of Commerce has adopted a Business-Consumer Relations Code that reaffirms the responsibility of American business to protect the health and safety of people in the design and manufacture of products, to provide high quality products, to simplify, clarify and honor warranties, to deal honestly in all transactions, to provide buyers with objective information and to provide effective channels for receiving and acting on complaints and suggestions.

Many business firms see in the complaints of consumers an opportunity to gain an edge over competitors by working harder to satisfy customers. All of this is one phase of the consumer movement. The other phase, the growth of regulations and restrictions, is also a factor to be reckoned with by both consumers and business. The future of the free market depends upon how consumer problems are resolved.

Seems They're  
A Mite Eager

A new group is formed, called the American Aging Association. In our experience, it's easy enough to get old without having the process organized.

Physical Training  
Needs Imagination

Dr. Gale E. Mikles, chairman of Michigan State University's physical education department, and others in the field are calling for a complete restructuring of the physical education curriculum in American schools.

They don't challenge the need for the minimum half hour of exercise every day, but they question the existing methods which often fail to achieve physical fitness goals.

According to Dr. Mikles, physical education curriculums have evolved from high school inter-scholastic athletics, and not from well-balanced physical education programs beginning in the lower grades, not often without organized instruction.

Some of the reasons for a scarcity of well trained instructors and facilities are budget pressures, public ignorance and indifference and lack of imagination.

Prof. Martin M. Mackenzie of Columbia Teachers College was recently quoted as saying that too many instructors are not professional teachers but are

coaches concerned with highly skilled student athletes. They ignore the development of the others whose need for vigorous physical exercise probably is greater.

Mackenzie says emphasis on winning and executing plays discourages independent thinking and skill development and frightens most youngsters away from a continuing program of physical exercise. Many parents agree, reporting their children intentionally forgetting their gym clothes or feigning sickness to avoid "fizz ed."

If parents had to wear some of the atrocious gym suits some schools require the students to wear, they wouldn't blame them for skipping. A good physical education program ought to be tailored to individual children as much as possible. There should be an element of competition for stimulation, but it shouldn't be the whole object of the program.

Dr. Mikles would reverse the existing structure and require physical education only until perhaps age 13 when it would become optional, much like music or higher mathematics in high schools.

For some, physical education might then become an integral part of the class schedule instead of being tacked on in perfunctory obedience to the law. Reform won't come easily, but the effort is needed.

In this complex machine age there is need for regular exertion tailored to the individual.

Accented currency in the Republic of Texas in 1836 was "hammered dollars." Spanish coins from which the ruler's likeness had been removed. Texas subsequently printed banknotes ranging from \$1 to \$5,000, including a \$3 bill.

King For The Day



GLANCING BACKWARDS

LANCERS  
BEAT BUCKS

—1 Year Ago—  
Fullback Mark Tollas cracked the 1,000-yard rushing barrier and set a new Blossomland scoring record as Lakeshore ended the season with an impressive 28-6 victory over Buchanan.

Tollas, a 185-pound senior, topped the league record of 80 and a touchdown in 49 attempts as the Lancers ran their winning streak to seven straight before their home fans.

TRAFFIC ROLLS  
OVER X-WAY

—10 Years Ago—  
Berrien County's \$10,000,000 "Golden Belt" segment of Interstate 94 opened for traffic at noon today following ribbon cutting ceremonies at the scenic twin bridges over the St. Joseph river.

Miss Michigan, Donna Shepard of Dowagiac, and State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie cut the apple decorated

ribbon releasing the flow of traffic over the 12.3 miles four lane limited access highway.

SECOND DRAFT  
ORDER LIKELY

—30 Years Ago—  
A second call for draftees may set a quota of 1,300 men from Michigan on Dec. 2, according to an announcement today, by Lieut. Col. Joseph L. Bachus, in charge of army recruiting in Michigan.

Col. Bachus said the first call, which will be issued Nov. 18, was made purposely small so that army officers could conduct a "dress rehearsal" for induction centers.

NEARLY COMPLETE

—40 Years Ago—  
Work is to be completed next week on the remodeling of the store front of the Richter & Achterberg Hardware store at 216 State street.

ON VACATION

—50 Years Ago—  
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Herman have left for Kenosha, Wis., to spend a few days and expect to return in a newly purchased Nash.

FIRST TIME

—60 Years Ago—  
Electric lights were turned on for the first time this week in Coolma and now the streets are well lighted. The new lights are a great improvement over the gas system.

FLY SOUTH

—80 Years Ago—  
A flock of geese flew over James Shuler's house last evening and he rushed out and let fly at them with the contents of his double barrel shot gun. He could not see them but says he heard some of them fall on the bluff but when he went to look they were not there.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

VOTE "YES"

Vote "no" for Proposal "C"? I should say not! How can anyone go for such awful rot?

The Constitution says Keep church and state apart. I couldn't even say a prayer. In the room where I taught art.

Now they say it's O.K. To give money to religious schools. They really must think We're some kind of fools.

Dear people, think carefully. And don't be misled. If you don't vote "yes" Tuesday, Our public schools will be dead.

AMY FISTER,  
Stevensville

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

URGE YES VOTE  
ON PROPOSAL C

For the following reasons we the undersigned urge a "Yes" vote on Proposal "C":

1. A NO VOTE ON PROPOSAL "C" WILL ALLOW PUBLIC FUNDS to be used in non-public schools. A YES vote will keep public funds for public schools. We feel the 22 million dollars of taxpayers' money spent for non-public schools now will lead to more millions being

spent in the future.

2. A NO VOTE WILL WEAKEN the public educational system by greatly increasing the number of non-public schools. Other sectarian and even extremist groups will have the opportunity of setting up non-public schools with taxpayers' money.

3. A NO VOTE WILL CREATE more support for one religion than another. If a formula is developed to pay parochial schools on the basis of student numbers within a religious school group, then public money will be used to foster one religious group more than another.

4. A NO VOTE WILL CREATE in some areas a public school system composed of minority groups, slow learners, and culturally deprived children. Because the non-public schools will have the opportunity to select students, they will become schools for the privileged, while public schools will deteriorate in quality.

5. A NO VOTE WILL COST the taxpayer more in the long run due to the waste and overlapping of multiple school systems all supported by public funds.

6. A YES VOTE DOES not do away with the so-called auxiliary services. Driver education, health services, remedial services, shared time, vocational education programs, etc. CAN NOT and WILL NOT be taken away from non-public students. They will simply have to receive these services and educational programs IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. In many cases this is already occurring.

7. A YES VOTE IS not likely to cause a majority of the non-public schools to close when secretarian groups have invested so much in buildings, etc. If they cherish the system they have created, religious groups will continue to make the sacrifices necessary for the privilege of educating their own children according to their secretarian beliefs.

If you are concerned about Aid to Non-Public Schools and think that it should not be a part of the constitution, you should vote "Yes" on Proposal "C".

NORMAN LAMBERT  
President  
Lakeshore Education  
Association  
LLOYD A. PHILLIPS  
Pastor  
Stevensville United  
Methodist Church

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking  
Of Your Health

A recent experience in London brought me so much satisfaction that I would like to share it with my readers.

I had been invited to the 80th birthday celebration of Mrs. Esther Marks, a lady whose own regality shines in a land where regality flourishes.

At her party, her happy, vibrant personality reflected an ageless spirit that brought joy to everyone who surrounded her.

It has always struck me as sad that many of the elderly, who have so much to offer, are arbitrarily removed from community activity. Many, in the false belief that they are unloved and unwanted, remove themselves and deprive the community of the talents they still possess.

Mrs. Marks has never accepted the dictum that chronological age and continued contributions to society are incompatible. In fact, her weekly program of activity demonstrates that hope springs eternal in those who courageously use their additional years as a gift rather than a burden.

"Lady Esther," as she is affectionately called by those she serves, has created a program of cooking and distribution of meals for those who are bedridden and out of social contact.

In addition, she organizes and is hostess at weekly teas — with entertainment — for the blind, bringing to them the light of kindness as compensation for the physical darkness that surrounds them.

Although she plays an active role in each of these projects, she still finds time and energy to supervise seashore holidays for the incapacitated and the indigent.



Dr. Coleman

This noble octogenarian insists that she is only one of countless aging women who continue to play a vital role in modern society.

I am sure this is so. But the impact of this personal experience emphasizes for me the truth that hope and progress must not cease with numerical age.

Modern medicine has remarkably increased longevity. Our medical forces, and elderly women themselves, must combine to make these additional years productive and happy ones.

Then can the prophetic statement of William Shakespeare indeed be true: "Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety."

Many people unfortunately devitalize themselves by their inability to make a decision. They are cliff-hangers and tightrope walkers who reduce their energies because they are afraid their decision may be wrong.

Psychologists stress the fact that a wrong decision is better than none at all. For a wrong one can often be changed and reversed, but no decision destructively hangs over the lives of those who refuse to make one.

The mature person can and should seek impartial and objective help for a decision, when needed. Delay in making a social, material, business or family decision magnifies the problem and encourages the possibility of error.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Emotional stress can lead to physical disease.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and, when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH  
♦ A Q 10  
♦ A J 9  
♦ J 7 5  
♦ A K Q J  
WEST  
♦ J 8 7 6 4 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ 9 8 3  
♣ 8 4  
EAST  
♦ 8 4 2  
♥ A K Q 10 6 2  
♦ 9 7 6 3  
SOUTH  
♦ K 9 5  
♥ K Q 10 7 6 3  
♦ 4  
♣ 10 5 2

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1 ♦ 3 ♦ 3 ♥  
Pass 4 ♦ Pass 4 ♥  
Pass 4 ♦ Pass 5 ♥  
Pass 6 ♥

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

The cuebid of an opponent's suit theoretically shows either a void or the ace of that suit, but there are times when the cuebid is used to show a big hand even when the suit is not under control.

Here is an example of such a case. North had too good a hand for a simple raise to game after South had freely bid three hearts. The outlook was certainly slamish — North had 22 high-card points — but he had no idea whether his partner had the diamonds under control.

He therefore cuebid diamonds to alert South to the possibility of a slam. However, South had no values beyond those already shown, so he signed off with four hearts.

Still not satisfied, North continued with a further cuebid, this time in spades. South could now no longer ignore his partner's persistently strong bidding and he showed second-round diamond control by bidding five diamonds. North needed no further encouragement and jumped to six hearts.

All this fine bidding came to naught, however, when South goofed in the play. West led the nine of diamonds and South ducked in dummy. This proved to be fatal when East played the deuce on the nine, an obvious request for West to shift to another suit.

Looking at seven spades in his own hand and three in dummy, West found it easy to read that his partner wanted a spade shift. Accordingly, he led one and East refused to put the slam down one. Had declarer covered the diamond nine with the jack, he would have made the contract.

Actually, East should have invoked the slam-doubling convention to ask for an unusual opening lead — in which case West's virtually automatic spade lead in response to the double would have sealed South's fate beyond recall.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

Why is it, demands Bill Feather, that if you accidentally drop a quarter on the floor, it rolls far away under a chair, but if you drop a lighted cigarette, it stops right beside you and burns a hole at your feet where your hostess can see it?

It's a long, long time since Georges Carpentier, a talented but over-matched French pugilist, was imported to serve as a whipping boy for World's Champion Heavyweight Jack Dempsey at "Boyle's Thirty Acres" in Jersey City — the first million-dollar gate in boxing history. Carpentier's managers gave reporters the run-around before the fight, preferring to release their own accounts of their challenger's prowess.

Even Ring Lardner found it impossible to bag an interview with Carpentier. Three times he wangled his way into the Frenchman's private quarters, but was always rebuffed at the last moment with a feeble "M. Carpentier won't be able to talk to you now after all. He is sleeping and we dare not disturb him." Lardner finally explained to his readers, "Carpentier must be practicing ten-second naps."



Incidentally, the fight was staged on July 2, 1921, and Dempsey knocked out Carpentier in the fourth round.

Friends are trying to persuade perennial banquet M.C. Georgie Jessel to name his new collection of memoirs, "Those Were the Days."

Factographs

The Etosha Reserve in South West Africa, is the largest zoological preserve in the world.

The prairie dog is a member of the squirrel family.

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## STATE OKAYS FIDELITY INSURANCE MERGER

### Taxi Fare Increase Is Sought

Chaddock Cites Higher Costs To Commission

The cost of riding in twin city taxicabs may go up soon, if rate hikes are approved as requested by Jack Chaddock, owner of Twin City Cab Lines and Clarence Washington, owner of Clarence's Taxi.

The Benton Harbor city commission Monday heard the request and referred it to the legislative committee. Chaddock told commissioners the cab firms would like to charge 55 cents the first one-fifth mile and 10 cents for each additional one-fifth mile. He said that since July 3, 1968, rates have been 45 cents the first one-fourth mile and 10 cents for each additional one-fourth mile.

**COSTS GO UP**  
Reasons for the request Chaddock said, include extremely high insurance, higher prices of autos, higher taxes and higher costs for parts, tires, two-way radios, taxi meters and labor. Chaddock said he hopes the requested rates could go into effect by Nov. 30. His company also operates in St. Joseph and would require approval of that city commission.

The commission also set a public hearing for Nov. 16 on the necessity of extending sanitary sewer lines from Waukonda avenue northward to the Paw Paw river. City Manager Don Stewart said the estimated cost of construction is \$20,570. He said the project would entail formation of a special assessment district.

The commission also:  
• Accepted a low bid of \$7,039.91 from John G. Yerington Concrete Co. to pave alleys from McCord to Seely, between Highland and Thresher and from Hull to Winans, between Thresher and Buss.

• Voted to demolish a substandard house at 291 Ross street.  
• Heard a report from Stewart who said several years ago, the city formed a Civil Defense organization to be headed by the fire chief, but never funded the project. Stewart said Harold Gaddie, who became fire chief this year, has not had time to study the Civil Defense area. The matter was brought up last week by Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh, who wanted a progress report.

### Housewife Tells Police Of Assault

Berrien county sheriff's deputies were investigating a complaint by a 45-year-old housewife that two men drove her to Hagar township early yesterday and raped her at knifepoint.

The housewife escaped while one of the men's attention was diverted by a fire he had built and she ran to a nearby farmhouse, according to sheriff's deputies. She told officers the men picked her up in a Benton Harbor tavern and were to drive her to St. Joseph but instead drove into the country.

### Student Wounded Guilty Plea Filed In Shooting Case

A 19-year-old Benton Harborite accused of shooting a fellow student at Benton Harbor high school last Nov. 20 pleaded guilty Monday in Berrien circuit court to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

A mute plea was continued on a charge of assault with intent to murder. Then M.C. Woods, of 612 Colfax avenue, pleaded guilty to the lesser charge, resulting from the shooting of high school athlete Chester Dossett in a school hallway.

Woods told Judge Chester J. Byrns he had been drinking with a friend, went to a high school classroom and was ac-



F. JOSEPH FLAUGH  
Gives Birthday Party

### Benton Harbor

## Otis W. Joseph To Fill Vacancy

Otis W. Joseph, 34, of 154 North Winans street, will be appointed next Monday to succeed Charles L. Gray on the Benton Harbor city commission. Gray announced his resignation last week and last night was his final session. Gray

resigned because he is moving from the city to Benton township. Mayor Wilbert Smith announced the selection of Joseph last night after Will Branscumb, president of the local NAACP, presented the name of another person for consideration.

Branscumb recommended the appointment of Miss Joan Kuykendall of 388 North McCord street, "as a young black woman who would be well qualified to fill this position."

Smith said he and commission members had already considered about three or four persons and settled on Joseph, who was contacted about the post last week. Joseph accepted.

Smith said Branscumb's recommendation came too late because of earlier considerations. Branscumb accepted the decision, but asked how his recommendation could be late when Commissioner Gray's resignation was not formally accepted by the commission until last night.

Smith said the commission will vote Joseph's acceptance next Monday and Joseph will be sworn into office. Joseph was present at last night's session. Joseph will serve until April, then run for a one-year term, if he chooses. Thereafter, he would be eligible for two-year terms, if elected.

**RESIDENT 25 YEARS**  
Joseph has resided in Benton Harbor for 25 years and is employed by Whirlpool Corp. He is a graduate of Benton Harbor high school and the Whirlpool Technical Institute. He said he plans to continue his education at Western Michigan university.

Joseph's memberships include the cemetery board of which he is chairman; credit committee and director of People's Community Federal Credit union; and Community Businessmen's association (CBA). He is chairman of the CBA's crime committee and a member of its G.E. Robbins park committee. Joseph is a member of Pilgrim Rest Baptist church and is an active 4-H leader at the A.M.E. church.

Joseph and his wife, Julia, are the parents of four daughters and one son.

**FLAUGH GIVES PARTY**  
Before the commission meeting, F. Joseph Flaugh hosted fellow commissioners for dinner at the Captain's Table in belated observance of his 67th birthday and to salute Gray whom he described as a tremendous asset to the commission. Gray also received accolades from Smith and City Manager Don Stewart. Gray was described by Stewart as one who made judgments strictly on the merits of the issues.

At the commission meeting, Flaugh cast a lone "No" vote against accepting Gray's resignation. Covered by the ordinance are all drugs whose use is regulated or prohibited by state law. It includes, among others, marijuana, LSD and the barbiturates. The ordinance will take effect in 10 days. In the only other business, Commissioner Richard Globsky asked the city manager to contact Auto Specialties Manufacturing company for a progress report on the smoke abatement program at the company's St. Joseph plant.



**FAREWELL HANDSHAKE:** Dr. John T. Manning, (left), St. Joseph township trustee the past four years, gets farewell handshake from Supervisor Orval Benson at last night's township board meeting. Dr. Manning is leaving for California on Nov. 14. (Staff photo)



**INCOMING AND OUTGOING:** Mayor Wilbert Smith embraces new and old Benton Harbor city commissioners. Otis W. Joseph (left) is slated to be appointed next week as Fourth Ward city commissioner replacing Charles Gray (right) who resigned because he is moving from city. (Staff photo)

### Bainbridge Presses For Safety

The Bainbridge township board agreed last night to determine what can be done to make the intersection of Napier avenue and M-140, where many serious accidents have occurred, safer for motorists.

An accident near the intersection Sunday claimed three lives. Supervisor Leonard Smith, Jr., was instructed to contact the regional office of the State Highway Department at Kalamazoo to learn if something can be done about the intersection.

**HASN'T HELPED**  
Smith said a flasher signal recently installed at the intersection has not helped.

In other business, clerk Henry Schaas was instructed to inform the board would prefer to keep the department's services in the township on a per run basis rather than the yearly contract proposed by the fire department.

Smith said five different fire departments come into the township and if the board had to have contracts with each it would be too costly.

**COMPUTERIZED NOTICES**  
The board discussed tax notices to be mailed out Dec. 1 which are being prepared for the first time by computer. Smith said the new notices give a better break down for residents. The board will send a letter with each notice reminding residents of various collection dates.

An insurance package for the township on building and equipment was tabled for one month.

### Meeting Postponed In Benton

The Benton township board of trustees, which holds its meetings every first and third Tuesday of each month, will not meet tonight because of elections. Meetings are not scheduled when they fall on an election date. The next session will be on Nov. 17.

### \$210,820 From U.S.

## Twin City Sewage Plant Grant OK'd

A federal grant of \$210,820 has been awarded for expansion of the Twin Cities joint sewage disposal plant, according to an announcement yesterday from the office of Congressman Edward Hutchinson.

The money will help to finance the proposed \$4.3 million project to increase the capacity and improve the effectiveness of the sewage plant, located on Industrial island.

The grant was approved by the Federal Water Quality Administration within the Department of Interior. Payments will

be made in installments once the construction is under way.

Remainder of the project will be paid by a \$1.5 million bond issue sponsored by St. Joseph, Benton Harbor and Berrien county; by some \$2,155,000 in state money; and by \$435,000 in cash reserves of the joint sewage disposal board.

Local users of the plant also will pay in the form of higher sanitation rates. St. Joseph City Manager Leland Hill said these rates may increase by 50 percent, perhaps more, to pay off principal and interest on the construction bonds.

## GOP Plans To Set Up Election Headquarters

A Republican "election central" will be set up at the St. Joseph Holiday Inn tonight at 8 o'clock, according to F. A. "Mike" Jones, chairman of the Berrien county GOP. "All GOP county candidates, state representatives, and possibly Congressman Edward Hutchinson will be on hand," Jones said. "Everyone is invited and we expect to stay open until all results are known — providing it doesn't take Detroit a week to count its votes."

### Near Scottsdale

## Woman, Son Flee As Trailer Burns

Fire Monday destroyed a mobile home in the Buckhorn trailer park at US-31 and Rocky Weed roads, about three miles south of Scottsdale.

A woman and her small boy experienced a narrow escape, according to Edward Klug, assistant chief of the Tri-Unit fire department serving Stevensville and Lincoln and Royalton townships.

Klug said Mrs. Bethal Embry and her 2½-year-old son were asleep in the mobile home when the fire started near the front shortly before 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Embry and the child escaped through a rear door, Klug said, and were not injured.

Klug said his department was called at 9:30 a.m. and flames had nearly consumed the unit when firemen arrived. The mobile home was a total loss, said Klug. He said a faulty heater appeared to be the cause of the fire.

## Old-Line BH Firm Bowing Out

Liberty Life Of Grand Rapids May Take Over

The State Insurance Bureau has given tentative approval to a proposed merger of Fidelity Life and Income Mutual Insurance Co. of Benton Harbor with Independent Liberty Life Insurance Co. of Grand Rapids. The proposal calls for Independent Liberty to reinsure all the business of Fidelity and for Liberty to be the surviving company.

Rex A. Edmunds, president of Fidelity, said the merger is contingent on approval of Independent Liberty's stockholders who will vote Thursday or Friday.

**OLDEST IN STATE**  
Fidelity was founded in 1903 in Benton Harbor and is the oldest firm domiciled in Michigan in the health and accident field. Fidelity is based at 769 Pipestone street. Edmunds said the operations eventually will be transferred to Grand Rapids.

As a mutual company, Fidelity policy holders are stock owners. Independent is a stock company. The merger plan calls for Liberty to assume Fidelity's policy obligations and issue Liberty stock to Fidelity policy holders in exchange for Fidelity's accumulated surplus.

Life insurance in force after the merger will be \$407,018,430. Edmunds said executives of Fidelity have an opportunity to go with Independent Liberty. He will continue on a consulting basis along with Mrs. Neva Wank, secretary-treasurer, and Jeff B. Edmunds, first vice president and assistant secretary.

Fidelity was founded by A.R. Arford, C. E. Bowley and E.C. Edmunds, father of the current company president. The company began as Workingmen's Mutual Association July 1, 1903. Its name was changed to Fidelity Health and Accident Insurance Co. in 1915.

In 1926 it moved into the newly completed Fidelity building. Fidelity Health and Accident entered the life underwriting field in 1948, changing its name to Fidelity Life and Income Mutual Insurance Co.

**NE VOICES**  
The home office operations were transferred in 1962 to the modern two story building at 769 Pipestone street from the street on a spacious lot. E. C. Bowley was company president until his death in 1937 when E.C. Edmunds became president. A. R. Arford acted as secretary until 1947 and as assistant secretary until his death in 1951.

The late E. C. Edmunds was named chairman of the board in 1948. Rex Edmunds joined the company in 1937 and became president in 1946. He was elected chairman of the board in 1969.

Current secretary is Mrs. Wank who joined the company in 1929 as a bookkeeper, was elected to the board of directors, and assistant treasurer and comptroller in 1948, treasurer and assistant secretary in 1951, and secretary-treasurer in 1965.

Jeff B. Edmunds joined the firm as a director in 1962 and was elected first vice president and assistant secretary.

**DRUG GROUPS BARRED**  
NEW YORK (AP) — Lyrics about drugs and rock groups that use hard drugs have been barred by one of the nation's top 10 record companies.

## SJ Township Will Rule Upon Zoning Map Changes Dec. 7

St. Joseph township trustees will vote on recommended changes of the zoning map Dec. 7 after reviewing proposed changes last night.

The meeting marked the end of the township political career of Dr. John T. Manning who is moving to California this month. His fellow trustees sang their praises.

Township Engineer Charles Barger outlined the steps in getting a key drain on Cleveland avenue and will shortly submit a map with estimated costs listed for each property

owner in the drainage area. Township Attorney John Crow will start seeking 102 water line easements after the board approved routine title search.

Nearly a score of township residents were on hand to question the board on its zoning stand. Trustee ROBERT DeVries reported on a meeting with Shoreham village board members, residents in the area affected and township officials.

Several changes were suggested. The committee headed by DeVries went through the original proposals point by point

and listed 10 proposed changes. These will go to the planning commission which meets in two weeks. Then the township board will take up the proposed zoning changes, planning to vote Dec. 7.

Dr. Manning was praised for his help in solving township problems, his humor and his devotion to duty.

Dr. Manning praised Supervisor Orval L. Benson for his "stick to-itiveness" in conducting township affairs.

Attorney Crow recalled that Dr. Manning in his first election four years ago campaigned as

an opposition candidate to the board as it was made up at that time. Attorney Crow said Dr. Manning could have slipped into the role of an obstructionist (He was the only one running to win) but that he became an "active constructive worker."

**NEW CAR**  
The police committee was instructed to get bids on a new police car.

Benson said Dr. Manning will legally be a member of the board until some time after the election when his post will have to be filled.



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## BLAZE KILLS ELDERLY MAN NEAR NEW TROY

### POT CASE

### Hartford Teacher Suspended

CASSOPOLIS — A Hartford grade school teacher and a male companion arrested on charges of possession of marijuana Saturday were granted a continuance in arraignments Monday in Fourth District court here.

Judge Steg Lignell continued the proceedings until Nov. 16 to permit the couple to acquire legal counsel. Bond was set at \$1,000 each on Miss Catherine Speed, 22, route 6, Dowagiac, and Rodney Parrish, 24, Ypsilanti. Both bonds were posted, authorities said.

Gary Waterkamp, superintendent of the Hartford school district, said he had suspended Miss Speed indefinitely from duties pending a determination of the case. The action came after he had conferred with the teacher.

"We are pressing our own investigation into the situation," Waterkamp said, "and have made no other decisions."

Miss Speed had been a second grade teacher in the south elementary school. She had



**FIRE KILLS MAN:** Firemen and police search in the ashes of a two-room tenant house Monday night for the body of its lone occupant, Mike Nestruk, 37. The small house was located behind a home owned by Mrs. Theta Wycko, route 1, Bridgman. The fire is believed to have started at a kerosene cooking

stove. Weesaw Fire Chief Dean Miller said the inside of the building was an inferno by the time firemen arrived. The victim died of smoke inhalation and burns, according to Dr. Joseph Rambo, Bridgman, a deputy medical examiner. (Photo by Don Wehner)

been hired at the beginning of this school year following her completion of teacher training.

Miss Speed and Parrish were arrested by Cass county sheriff's officers in Miss Speed's

apartment at Magician Lake, five miles northwest of Dowagiac. Two small packets of

what deputies described as suspected marijuana were confiscated.

### Kerosene Stove Is Blamed

### Immigrant From Russia Found Dead In Ruins

NEW TROY — An 87-year-old man burned to death Monday night in a two-room, tenant house where he lives, two miles north of New Troy at the Weesaw-Lake township line.

The victim was identified by state police from the New Buffalo post as Mike Nestruk, a displaced person from Russia.

The tenant house was located behind the home of its owner, Mrs. Theta Wycko, at the corner of Browntown and California roads.

### STOVE BLAMED

Firemen found the body of the old man under ashes of the destroyed house, not far from a kerosene cooking stove which is being blamed for starting the fire, Trooper Donald Beck said.

A deputy Berrien county medical examiner, Dr. Joseph Rambo, Bridgman, was at the scene and ruled that death was caused by asphyxiation and burning, Beck said.

The fire was reported at about 7 p.m. by a motorist who saw flames as he drove by on the road.

Weesaw Fire Chief Dean Miller said the small building was ablaze when the fire department arrived. Bridgman fire department assisted.

### NEARLY DESTROYED

Chief Miller said one end of the building, where the body was found, was totally destroyed. Only part of the sidewalls remain of the other part of the building.

Mrs. Wycko said Nestruk had lived many years with her father after being forced from Russia during World War II. After her father's death, Mrs. Wycko said, she allowed Nestruk to move into the small tenant house behind her own home.

The body was taken to Boyd funeral home, Bridgman.

State police said he has no relatives in this country.



**BANGOR ROYALTY:** Miss Diane Kuziel is the queen and Mathew Wesaw is the king of the Bangor high school homecoming. They were named during half time of the Bangor-Mattawan football game and reigned at homecoming festivities following the game. Miss Kuziel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kuziel and Wesaw is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wesaw. Both are 17 and are seniors at Bangor high school. (Marguerite Smith photo)

### Struggle For Gun

## Bangor Men Save Policeman's Life

BANGOR — A Kalamazoo township police officer credits two young Bangor men with saving his life in a struggle with an armed, handcuffed prisoner inside a patrol car Oct. 17.

"In another second I'd have been dead," Patrolman Kenneth

Yeakel said, shot with his own service revolver by a man he was taking to jail.

### SHOT FIRED

One shot had already been fired, just missing Yeakel, when the Bangor men arrived.

The two Bangor men were identified as Dennis Rainey, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rainey, 58½ avenue, and Robert Ryba, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ryba, 24th avenue.

Ryba is a student at Western Michigan university. Rainey resides in Kalamazoo.

Rainey said he and Ryba had dropped off their dates and were headed to their homes at about 2 a.m. when, at an intersection near downtown Kalamazoo, they saw an officer and a handcuffed man in a violent struggle inside a police car.

Rainey said it was obvious that the man in handcuffs had a pistol and that the officer was struggling to get it from him.

"We acted by instinct, I guess," Rainey said. The two rushed to the officer's aid — grabbing the gun and jerking away from the assailant.

Police Chief Phillip Graf said Yeakel had handcuffed the prisoner's hands and was transporting him from an all-night grocery to the county jail.

Gaston Martins, 33, Kalamazoo, is presently awaiting trial on a charge of assault with the intent to murder. He had been arrested first on a charge of larceny from a building.

### GRABS REVOLVER

Graf said that the prisoner had reached over the seat and grabbed Yeakel's service revolver while the officer was distracted by blinking warning lights at a railroad crossing.

In the struggle before Ryba and Rainey arrived, the chief said, one shot had been fired which grazed the officer's pants leg. He said Yeakel managed to wedge his hand in front of the

raised firing pin to keep it from firing again, but that the prisoner continued to point the gun at the officer's head and pull the trigger.

Officer Yeakel, Ryba and Rainey held the prisoner captive until other officers arrived.

So far the two Bangor men have received letters of gratitude from Chief Graf and from the Kalamazoo township board and police committee. Chief Graf said that at least one civic organization is planning additional recognition for the pair.

### Fire Hits Garage Near Bridgman

BRIDGMAN — A two-story garage at the Rene Rambo residence on Rambo road just south of the Bridgman city limits was extensively damaged by fire Monday afternoon.

William Boyd, assistant Bridgman fire chief, said the fire was out of control when firemen arrived on the scene. He said firemen received the call at 4:15 p.m. and were on the scene for three hours.

Boyd said the cause of the fire was undetermined. The possibility of a child's playing with matches was not confirmed.

No estimate of loss was available.

### Traffic Deaths

By The Associated Press  
Nov. 3 State Police Count:  
This Year 1,832  
Last Year 2,065



ROBERT NELSON

### Concert Is Tonight At Watervliet

WATERVLIET — The Watervliet high school vocational music department will present a concert titled "A Fall Festival" tonight at the high school auditorium.

The program will begin at 8:15 p.m. under the direction of Robert Nelson. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken.

Included on the program will be selections by the girls and boys choirs, the concert choir, and the high school chorale.

### Buchanan Meeting Is Brief

BUCHANAN — Members of the Buchanan township board met in a brief session last night and adjourned without taking any action. They set up election booths for today's general election after adjourning.

### \$500,000 GIVEN

BATTLE CREEK (AP) — The W.K. Kellogg Foundation has given the University of Florida \$500,000 to prepare educators of allied health personnel.

### It's Cry Or Shiver At Decatur

DECATUR — Village councilmen here last night spent the duration of the council meeting alternately crying and shivering.

Public works superintendent Max Graham told councilmen he discovered some kind of chemical had been thrown into the village hall when he arrived Monday morning.

The fumes caused councilmen to cry when the windows were closed and shiver from the cold air when the windows were open.

Graham said he thought the chemical had been thrown into the building through an open window on Halloween.

Graham said he scrubbed the building, but by last night, fumes from the chemical were still evident in the building.

### LIGHTS APPROVED

In council action, the installation of three street lights was approved. The lights would be located in the village parking lot, west end of Cedar street and west end of Beers street.

Michigan Power company will be asked to install the lights. John Benhart of Valkema construction company reported on the installation of sewer lines in the city.

The council approved the purchase of Christmas decorations at a total cost of \$825.

### Trustees Meet

## Zoning Requests Filed In Hagar

Two zoning requests and a drainage problem were brought before the Hagar township trustee board Monday night.

Steven Dickey, Riverside, asked the board for a permit to start a TV and radio repair business in his basement. Action was tabled for 30 days, while he is to check the present

### Three Oaks Twp. Board Eyes Voting

THREE OAKS — A review of election details and routine business made up Monday night's meeting of Three Oaks township board.

No new business was considered.

In one item not related to today's voting the board instructed Clerk Mrs. Marjorie Drier to write a "thank you" letter to the Indiana and Michigan electric company for the board's special tour of the nuclear generating plant reception center at Bridgman last Thursday.

## Recall Leader Getting Advice

### Dowagiac Man Confers With State Election Chief

DOWAGIAC — Lloyd Ray, chairman of the Dowagiac Committee for Good Government which is pushing a recall election, move against Mayor J. E. Burke and five city councilmen, is in Lansing today to meet with Bernard Apol, state elections director.

Ray will discuss with Apol what is needed to get the committee's recall petitions in proper order so that City Clerk Albert First will have to accept and canvass them.

Twice the clerk has rejected sets of petitions submitted by the group. The last lot was refused a week ago because the petitions were not accompanied by a required statement of circulation.

Ray said he was told by Apol in a phone conversation Monday that all that was needed to qualify the petitions is to file the necessary affidavits.

Ray said Apol told him that the petitions themselves will not have to be recirculated.

Apol said he or a member of his staff would assist Ray today. He said a member of the attorney general staff would also check the situation for its legality.

Meanwhile, City Clerk First's statement on why he invalidated the second set of recall

### Townships Meet

## Junk Cars Will Be Main Topic

A mounting problem of disposing of junk cars will be eyed by township officials at the monthly meeting of the Berrien county chapter of the Michigan Townships association Wednesday evening. The session is scheduled for 7:30 at the Benton township hall.

Bill Clay, a scrap metal processor from Holland, Mich., will describe the use of big presses to crush and bale abandoned and junked cars.

Chapter President Edward Broderick, Hagar supervisor, said disposal of such cars has become a problem in most parts of the county, particularly in local dumps have been closed. Sanitary landfill operators don't want old cars or refrigerators, he added, because of their bulk.

Another topic scheduled for discussion is CPA charges for auditing township books.

Barle Olsen, environmental health director for the county health department, will explain a proposed new "rock festival" regulation for the county. Charles Knapp, county equalization director, will speak on assessor certification and discuss plans by his office to provide instruction in the matter.

## First Phase To Cost \$1.4 Million

## Bridgman Opens School Bids Nov. 12

BRIDGMAN — Construction and equipment bids for the first phase of Bridgman's new \$3,500,000 high school are to be opened Nov. 12.

The date was set last night at the regular meeting of the Bridgman school board.

The board was told construction should be started immediately after contracts are awarded, possibly in the week after bids are opened.

The first phase of the three-part program is estimated to cost about \$1,400,000, and involves construction of a classroom center.

The project is being financed from a \$3,500,000 bond issue

approved by district voters April 6.

In another matter before the board, instrumental music director Jame Bembenek won permission to take the band to the Festival of States in St. Petersburg, Fla., next year, if the band can raise the necessary funds.

Bembenek reported the trip will cost about \$8,000, of which \$5,000 must still be raised.

The festival features one school band from each state of the nation in marching and concert competitions, next March 30 to April 4. Attendance is by invitation only, he said.

Parent-teacher conferences at the elementary grades were approved for the afternoons of Nov. 11 and 12. High school conferences will be scheduled on the afternoon of Nov. 12 only.

The board voted to share in the cost of retaining a legislative agent to represent Berrien county school districts in Lansing.